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During a pioneer trek reenactment this summer, Young Men and Young Women of the Queen Creek West Stake learned more about the trials experienced by the early pioneers. As they heard stories of the early Saints

and participated in activities, such as the “Women’s Pull” (pictured) when the girls pulled the handcarts alone, they found their own testimonies were strengthened, and they discovered, with the help of the Lord, that they, too could do hard things.

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TREK Strengthens Testimonies & Teaches Powerful Lessons

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive



While rain added to the difficulties associated with the Queen Creek West Stake's pioneer trek, the Young Men and Young Women found strength and unity as they worked together in their assigned "family" groups.

Early on Wednesday, June 3, seven buses started in Queen Creek and headed for the Tonto National Forest, east of Payson. With that, 300 Young Men and Young Women, 80 "Mas and Pas" and 90 support staff, all dressed in pioneer-style clothing, set off on the Queen Creek West Stake Trek. Like other treks held by various stakes in Arizona, the journey would transport the participants back in time to give them a taste of life as a pioneer, help build their testimonies and teach them that "they could do hard things."

The Queen Creek West Stake had been organized for only about a month, when the new stake presidency—President Gary

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Smith, first counselor Joel Beckstead and second counselor Jason Filley—proposed the idea of a trek at a bishop's training meeting and received unanimous support.

"They decided the best way to unify and strengthen the stake would be to quickly, efficiently and purposefully organize a youth conference and trek," says Denise Riffey, of the Remington Heights Ward, who, with her husband, Matt, oversaw all the food preparation for the trek.

Jason Whetten, of the Ocotillo Ward, was called as stake trek committee chair, and planning immediately began.

Brother Whetten says the purpose of treks is to "help unify the youth by

giving them a common goal to work towards. To gain a better appreciation for what the early saints endured to allow us to enjoy what we have today. To bring us closer to our pioneer ancestors."

As they arrived and got off the busses, the trekkers were asked to imagine themselves departing paddle-wheel boats that had traveled along the Mississippi River and had arrived in Nauvoo, Illinois. The mini-reenactment came to life as a horseman rode by, sadly announcing that the Prophet Joseph Smith had been killed. Then, someone dressed as Brigham Young spoke of the mobs that were gathering and warned, "We need to leave Nauvoo."

"I learned through help from others and the Lord, we are able to get through hard things in life."

The youth went to work, greased and placed the wheels on their hand-carts, and with assigned "Mas" and "Pas," began the exodus from Nauvoo, covering eight miles the first day.

The next morning, the weather changed.

"The rains came down Thursday and pretty much didn't stop throughout the rest of the trek. It even hailed at one point," says Sister Riffey. "Our executive committee, stake presidency and bishops met late into the night to determine how best to meet the trek goals in light of new trials, extreme weather patterns and safety issues."

"If it hadn't rained, it wouldn't have been quite the experience it was," says President Filley. "It was actually much better to have the rain. It gave more of a feeling of the hardships the pioneers endured."

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Adjustments to the schedule and route were made as required, and a unique characteristic of the Queen Creek West Stake's preparation came into play.

"We saw the trek as an opportunity to get several of our members licensed in HAM radio," says President Finney.

The goal was to have every Ma and Pa and at least one person from each committee HAM-radio certified. As a result, with the help of co-chairs Dennis Lawrence and Joe Sammartino, more than 100 members of the stake were trained and licensed, including the stake presidency.

"We may be the only stake presidency in the Church to all be radio certified," says President Filley.

Each handcart was also outfitted with a GPS tracking device. This made it much more efficient when communicating medical, food, and security needs between the handcart companies and base camp as the handcarts traveled through the mountains and managed the storms.

While maintaining a high-tech system of communication, the stake also provided ample opportunities to enjoy many aspects of the pioneer experience.

Vignettes about several pioneers were presented along the trail. Tom



Photo courtesy of Queen Creek West Stake

Young Women from the Hawes Ward (l-r) Paris Evans, Tatum Dawson, Mariah Dickerson and Jordyn Spencer, show off the pioneer dress they wore as part of the overall pioneer experience as they participated in the Queen Creek West Stake's trek this summer.

Duford, a member of the trek activities committee, and his wife, Tamara, of Cortina 4th Ward, helped write and present the vignettes and served as "jacks-of-all-trades." "We helped with the stories, gave direction and just had fun watching the youth learn and grow in character and strengthen their testimonies, all while creating friendships and loving and caring about others, even before themselves."

At Fort Smith, the trading post named in President Smith's honor, the families enjoyed a candy shop, creamery and hair parlor and participated in activities, including tomahawk and knife throwing, stick pull and tug-of-war. There, the Pony Express also delivered mail from home to trek participants.

In addition, each family was given a "hardship," representing a trial the pioneers may have experienced.

"The trial we were given strengthened my testimony," says Lacey Whetten, 15, of the Ocotillo Ward. "For our trial, our handcart wheel got broken. We had to take apart our entire handcart, and carry our stuff and our handcart for about a quarter mile, so we were one of the last families. Some of the Laurels called, 'I'm coming.' They came, and then our entire ward came and picked up our stuff and pushed our handcart."

Possibly most impactful was the women's pull, in which the women pulled the handcarts alone on a very steep and muddy part of the trail.

Blake Whetten, 17, of the Ocotillo Ward, was impressed that the women thought to have a prayer before they started. Still, he says, "It was difficult to watch. I learned women are capable of doing great things, but also that we should work together as couples and split the load."

"It made me cry to watch the women's pull," says 17-year-old, Tanner Jacobson, of Cortina 2nd Ward. He says that event and the rest of the trek taught him "just how hard the pioneers worked through many years to achieve a common goal."

Koralee Jackson, 17, of Cortina 4th Ward, says, the trek strengthened

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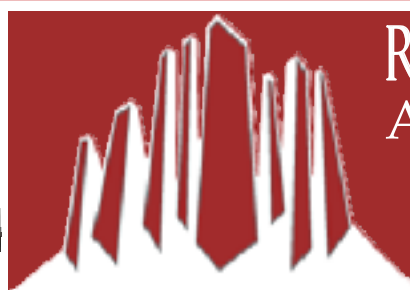


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As the trek trail boss, Curtis Dickerson, of the Remington Heights Ward and stake patriarch of the Queen Creek West Stake, waves his hat as he leads out at the beginning of this summer's pioneer trek.

her testimony of the importance of family. "I couldn't imagine doing it without the family I had. I was one of the oldest and I liked being an older sister. It also makes me excited to be a mother someday."

As challenging as it was, nearly every trekker would agree with Rylie Figueroa, 17, of the Remington Heights Ward, who says, "The trek was awesome. It's amazing what you can do and how much you can grow in such a short amount of time."

Hunter Hemenway, 15, of Cortina 1st Ward, says, "My testimony grew a lot. I learned how Heavenly Father wants to help us. He wants us to go through trials, but He wants to help us, too."

Maxwell DuFord, 16, of Cortina 4th Ward, agrees. "[Trek] taught me that

when things get hard, if you push through them with a positive attitude, you'll become a better person."

His sister, Katie, 14, learned a similar lesson. "I learned through help from others and the Lord, we are able to get through hard things in life. Once, we were near the top, but I didn't know how far it was. It helped to hear others say, 'You're almost there.'"

Brother Whetten says the entire committee and many others helped make the Queen Creek West Stake trek a success. He says hearts were touched, testimonies were strengthened, greater unity was realized and many witnessed literal miracles as they came to recognize that, with the help of the Lord, "We can do hard things."

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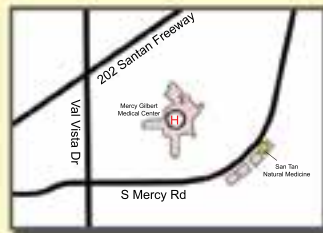
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Two Units See the Great Benefits of Merging

By Robin Finlinson
The Beehive

Their Youth Programs

The Udall Ward and Guerrero Park Branch have an interesting symbiotic relationship. Both units are in the Mesa Stake, both meet in the building on First Avenue in Mesa. Sacrament meeting for the Udall Ward takes place in English at 9:30 a.m.; for the Guerrero Park Branch, it's at 12:30 p.m. in Spanish. During the hours between those times, the two units hold separate adult auxiliary meetings in their native languages.

The interesting part is what happens with the young people. The Primary and Young Men and Young Women of both units meet together to learn the gospel of Jesus Christ.

While the Udall Ward provides many of the leaders and teachers, several of whom are bilingual, the Ward consists mostly of retirees and newly married couples. The Branch, on the other hand, has many new convert families, with children and teens, including 9 of the 10 active Young Women.

Primary president Lisl Nuñez says, when she was in an all Spanish-speaking branch, "I knew that youth felt uncomfortable and embarrassed in front of other youth at stake activities, like camp, because they didn't know how to bear

their testimony or pray in English. Here, they learn how to in both languages."

Beehive advisor, Mandy Nielsen, says she has enjoyed seeing the Young Women work together. She says, to earn money for girl's camp this summer, they held a bake sale. In addition to baking, the girls made signs and set up their goodies almost every night across from the Mesa Temple during the Easter Pageant. Sister Nielsen says, "I think it really brought the girls together because they did most of the work themselves." During the week and a half of their sale, the girls became more comfortable as entrepreneurs and engaged more with customers. Since the pageant gathers people from all around, it was helpful that nearly every girl is bilingual. They ultimately made enough for all to attend camp.

In the Young Men's group, each of the units provides about half of the nine priests and teachers that participate in Boy Scouts. As their Varsity Coach, Justin Cowan accompanies them on High Adventure trips and sees them mentor one another. During a Lake Pleasant trip in June, he witnessed the boys encouraging each other to earn swimming merit badges. For a few, that



Photo by Robin Finlinson

Some of the leaders, youth and Primary children of the Guerrero Park Branch and the Udall Ward gather in front of the meetinghouse, where the youth auxiliaries of the two units meet together.

support was crucial. He says, "As some boys were bobbing out in the water, you'd hear the ones on the shore say to their assigned buddies and others in the group, 'Hey, I'm here. You can do this.'" He adds, "They're learning to build stable relationships."

Brother Cowan says cultural differences sometimes makes meal-planning rather tricky, but also rewarding. The boys have to "negotiate and collaborate" to have foods they like on the menu.

Through interactions such as these, the youth from the Branch, some who speak only Spanish at home, have not only improved their English, but have developed emotionally and spiritually as well.

"I've seen a change in the youth," says Raul Cruz, president of the Guerrero Park Branch. "They used to sit apart; now they sit together." He adds that the youth of his branch are more likely to attend seminary because they see those in the Udall Ward go.

Youth leaders say the merger has been good for all the youth, providing opportunities for service and leadership and better preparation and encouragement to serve missions, marry in the temple and stay true to the faith.

Lucy Piñon, second counselor in the Young Women's presidency, says while "logistically inconvenient at times" it's well worth it as it "makes the purpose more evident: saving these kids."

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NANCY SALMON

Serves as new VP of Corporate Communications for Hacienda HealthCare

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

When it comes to taking a stand and supporting things she believes in, Nancy Salmon, of the Menlo Park Ward, Hermosa Vista Stake, is known for her willingness to play full out. Whether it's nurturing and serving her four children and seven grandchildren; supporting her husband, Congressman Matt Salmon, in his political endeavors and Church service; caring for her 88-year-old parents; fulfilling church callings and various volunteer efforts in the community, Nancy has done it all with energy and passion.

"I have always been involved in a wide range of endeavors," she says. "I believe it's important to be involved and to serve in our families, church and communities."

An Arizona native and graduate of Tempe's McClintock High School, Nancy went on to study at Mesa Community College and then Arizona State University. She returned to ASU approximately two years ago, not as a student, but to work in the ASU Public Affairs office, where her efforts focused on community and municipal relations. After a year and a half at ASU, Nancy recently accepted a position as Vice President of Corporate Communi-

cations with Hacienda HealthCare.

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Nancy says, initially, "My interest in Hacienda HealthCare had a lot to do with what I knew about the organization because of Matt's advocacy for them over the years and the fact that it was a great growth opportunity."

She soon recognized "how large a need existed and how many families were affected," often with little idea of how to care for their children with developmental or intellectual disabilities



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By Stephanie Abney
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Dad loves family history and Mom loves Girl Scouts, which equals the perfect combination for recent Williams Field High School graduate, Taylor Lambrigger. Combining those two loves with two years of hard work allowed Taylor to receive the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

Taylor, her parents, Dwain and Jennifer Lambrigger, and a younger brother and sister are members of Coronado 2nd Ward in the Gilbert San Tan Stake. Taylor has been involved in Girl Scouts for 13 years, with her mom as her Girl Scout leader.

While considering her Gold Award project, Taylor felt impressed to do something pertaining to family history. When her mom mentioned she was feeling the same way, Taylor knew it was what the Lord wanted as well. The day after her project was approved, she was called to serve as a Ward Family History Consultant. Two years later, her Girl Scout project is complete and she still serves as a consultant in her ward.

Knowing the Family History Center in Gilbert could use more comput-

ers and chairs and some refurbishing, Taylor created her project around those needs. Not only did she raise donations to purchase new equipment, Taylor also organized a community event, inviting people to come to the center and learn about aspects of family history. As a result, the number of people accessing family history information has more than doubled in her area.

Taylor says she owes a lot of credit to others. "My family was a huge support to me on this project, both physically and mentally. It was really hard. They were always there for me. My stake Family History supervisor was my project advisor. My stake president and stake high councilor were also helpful and supportive."

Prior to graduation, Taylor was captain on her varsity swim team, president of National Honor Society and Key Club, co-editor in chief for the

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To earn her Girl Scout Gold Award, Taylor Lambrigger raised donations for refurbishing the Family History Center in Gilbert, then invited community members to come to the center and learn about aspects of family history.

yearbook, and a varsity thrower on the track and field team. "I am also a total nerd and took a ton of AP classes. I can read all day long if my parents let me,"

says Taylor.

As Taylor's Girl Scout leader and her mom, "I couldn't be more proud of her," Jennifer says.

"Taylor puts 110 percent into everything she does and all she has accomplished is proof of that. From the moment she knew what the Gold Award was and what it represented, she knew she wanted to go for it. She hit a few bumps on the way, but she perse-

vered, held true to her beliefs and came out stronger on the other side with her Gold Award in hand."

Taylor plans to attend Honors College at Northern Arizona University in the fall, pursuing a double major in secondary education and chemistry.



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Cindy R. Williams
 The Beehive

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Vicky Burkinshaw of the Mesa Arizona Citrus Heights Stake serves on the Board of Directors. Burkinshaw says, "As a member of the Board of Directors, I have the opportunity to serve the Lord vicariously by contributing my time to serve our community when critical medical emergencies occur and Castle International responds to those events."

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From the Editor's Desktop

By Cecily Markland

Is there simply too much jam?

We live in a complicated world. Never has more information been available, all accessible via a few keystrokes on our computers or handheld devices. Never in the history of mankind have we had so many choices.

Yet, rather than increasing personal satisfaction and peace, a world where one can choose everything from one's hair color to one's gender, from whether to pursue a certain career or terminate a unwanted pregnancy—all seemingly without consequence—has left many feeling anxious, apprehensive, discontent, unsettled and confused.

Take The Jam Experiment, for example. Sheena Iyengar, a business professor at Columbia University, set up two different grocery store displays, one with 6 different flavors of jam, and another that offered 24 flavors. In both situations, shoppers lingered, asked questions and enjoyed tasting the various flavors. However, when it came to buying, those who were offered only 6 choices were 10 times more likely to purchase one of the jams.

Among other things, Professor Iyengar concluded, “in reality, people might find more and more choice to actually be debilitating.”

In addition to sheer numbers alone, contradictions and a great deal of “gray area,” add to the confusion factor.

Bishop Gerald Causse, first counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, in 2012, said, “Confusion is evident in the barrage of messages that surround us. With the advent of the Internet, for example, an uninterrupted avalanche

of contradictory opinions and information invades our everyday lives. These contradictions can become disconcerting and paralyzing.”

When it comes to jam, chocolate or even which new car to buy, another researcher, Benjamin Scheibehenne, of the University of Basel in Switzerland, said sorting out the contradictions, “can depend on what information we’re being given as we make those choices, the type of expertise we have to rely on ...”

So, how do we emerge from the confusion that surrounds us when it comes to moral choices, to questions of doctrine, to concerns of eternal significance? In a similar way, it comes down to “the type of expertise we have to rely on.”

When we read something disturbing, when we hear a fellow ward member whose views seem to contradict our own, when we feel confused and tossed

by the winds that surround us today, to what source do we look for answers?

The young Joseph Smith, finding himself surrounded by the confusion of his day, “came to the conclusion that [he] must either remain in darkness and confusion, or else ... ask of God.”

Bishop Causse said we are to do the same if we are to escape the confusion of the world.

“Disciples of Christ hunger and thirst every day after spiritual knowledge. This personal practice is founded on study, contemplation and daily prayer,” he said. “Studying the word of God protects us from the influence of false doctrines.”

There is simply no better way—no other way—to find peace and surety in a confused and troubled world than going to the source of all order.

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From Serving Volleyballs to Serving the Lord:

Each Team Member Accepts a Mission Call

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Bump, set, spike. Open mission call.

Each of the 11 young men on the 2014-2015 Mesa Mountain View High School varsity volleyball team had those actions in common.

They worked hard to prepare for competition as one of Arizona's top-ranked 5A volleyball teams, all the while dedicating themselves to preparing to serve the Lord in the mission field as well.

Working together, the team made it to the semi-finals, where they lost in sudden death to Hamilton High School, the team that went on to win state.

They celebrated other wins together as well. "When each of us got our calls, we had mission call openings at our houses," says Brayden Rickeberg, of the Vista Peaks Ward, Alta Vista Stake.

"When every call was read, the whole team was there." As soon as the call was read, "We'd go up and have a big group hug."

Brayden says that team support meant a great deal to him.

"I was a little 'iffy' about even serving a mission," he explains, "but to be around all those guys every day who were so enthusiastic about the gospel and about serving a mission ... it was awesome."

Brayden's call was to serve in the Argentina Bahia Blanca Mission and he reported to the Provo MTC on July 14.

David Beecher, of the Greenfield Ward, Mountain View Stake, says he, too, "got a little nervous about serving a mission this year."

"I sort of got cold feet," he says, "so it was great to have the example of the



Photo courtesy Brayden Rickeberg

They supported each other on the court and off, as each of the 11 members of the year's varsity volleyball team from Mesa's Mountain View High School also shared the goal of serving a mission. They are shown holding their mission call letters and with flags from the various countries where they will serve.

others on the team."

David, who received a call to the Dominican Republic Santo Domingo East Mission, says it was "really special" to play with team members that all had the same standards.

Cole Martindale, of Valley View Ward, Hermosa Vista Stake, agrees. "I was constantly surrounded by good examples," he says. And, even when the team members weren't together, they emailed each other often and, using a group dial they created on their cellphones, "We would share 'Mormon Messages' with each other," Cole says.

"I always felt like someone had my

back," he adds.

Cole, who will serve in the Singapore Mission, says, "I am excited to share the gospel and to make people as happy as I am."

Garrin Slade, who has been called to the Mexico Tijuana Mission, will be the last of the 11 to leave for the mission field. A member of the Mesa 60th Ward, Mesa East Stake, Garrin says, "The brotherhood and spirit we had was a wonderful thing."

He said they had fun together. "Every day was like being with family," he

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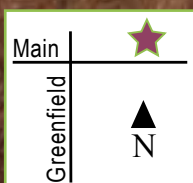
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And, they earned the respect of their schoolmates as well.

"It's an LDS-dominant school," Garrin says, but, still, "As a team, we held ourselves to a higher standard. Others looked to us as kids they could count on if they needed anything."

Each of the team members says volleyball taught them lessons about hard work and dedication that will serve them well in the mission field.

"I learned that no matter what the circumstances or how tough the other team was, we could work together as friends and brothers to fight for one common goal," says Luke Shill, of the Groves Ward, Mountain View Stake. Luke, who will serve in the Argentine Buenos Aires South Mission, says, "I am super excited. I know it's going to be tough, but I'm super excited to go."

Each member of the team values his volleyball brothers and the experiences they had together. Yet, each agrees with Luke, who says, "I'm excited to be on the Lord's team now."

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Linda Turley-Hansen Puts Column on Hold While She Serves a Mission

Beehive readers may notice the absence of the column, "Rhyme & Reason," by Linda Turley-Hansen in this issue of The Beehive. Linda Turley-Hansen, an Arizona syndicated columnist and Arizona Hall of Fame TV anchor, has been a writer for The Beehive for several years.

Her column and other writing for The Beehive has been put on hold while she and her husband, David Hansen, serve a one-year senior mission in the Adriatic North Mission. The mission is made up of five countries and is based in Croatia. They will serve in Slovenia, where David will function as

branch president and Linda will assist with PR in the mission, as needed.

"In ways, it's miraculous" that things came together to make it possible for them to serve a mission, Linda says. "We know it'll be a glorious time."

The Beehive wishes them well.

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New Presidency CALLED TO SERVE in the Gila Valley Arizona Temple

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

In November, a new temple presidency will begin serving in The Gila Valley Arizona Temple.

Mark Clayton Herrington, 63, of Safford 1st Ward, Safford Arizona Stake, has been called as the new temple president. His wife, Nona Kay Udall Herrington, will serve as temple matron.

Thomas Biggs, also of the Safford Stake, will serve as first counselor, with his wife, Susan, as assistant to the matron. Second counselor will be Calvin Allred, of the St. David Stake, and his wife, Susan, will serve as assistant to the matron.

The Herringtons will succeed President Jay G. Layton and Sister Diane Layton, who began their service in 2012. Prior to that, President Keith Crockett and Sister Kathleen Crockett were the temple's first president and matron.

The Gila Valley Arizona Temple, dedicated in 2010, was the third temple in Arizona. Located on Highway 70 in the small community of Central, the temple serves seven stakes, including the Silver City New Mexico Stake and the Sierra Vista Arizona Stake.

"Many faithful temple workers come from the far reaches of the temple district. Patrons, too, come from Silver City to Sierra Vista and everywhere in between," says President Herrington.

The Herringtons call to serve in the temple came just months after they completed couples' mission in Durban, South Africa. Since then, "We've tried to go to every single session and to meet every single ordinance worker," says President Herrington.

Sister Herrington is "overwhelmed, humbled and very excited" about her call. "Already, as we've gone to the temple with new eyes, I've been thrilled to see the patrons and workers and their sacrifices. I can't help but be inspired and motivated by them."

Sister Herrington was born in Mesa, to Lee Kenyon and Leona Udall. She serves as a gospel doctrine teacher and temple ordinance worker. In the past, she's been a stake and ward Young Women president and ward Relief Society and Primary president.

President Herrington was born in Ogden, Utah, to Norman Clayton and Betty Irene Herrington. A Sun-



Photo by Cathy Konopnicki

The new presidency for The Gila Valley Temple will begin serving in November with (l to r) Calvin Allred as second counselor, his wife Susan as assistant matron, Nona Kay Udall Herrington, as matron with her husband Mark Clayton Herrington as temple president and Susan Biggs, assistant matron, and her husband, Thomas Biggs, first counselor.

day School teacher, temple ordinance worker and temple sealer, in the past he has been a stake president, mission president's counselor and bishopric counselor.

As a young father, he was serving as a high councilor, when the stake president, Terry Jo Bingham issued a challenge.

"He said I should go to the Mesa Temple 36 times that year," says President Herrington. "My immediate thought was, 'You don't know my circumstances.'"

A father of eight, he was working a large farm and serving on various agricultural committees, in addition to his Church assignments—and it took six

hours to drive to the Mesa Temple and back. Still, without making excuses, "I told President Bingham I would do it."

President Herrington would leave at 1 a.m., drive to Mesa, do five sessions in a row, then drive home. "I'd get home at 1 a.m.," he says. "Some thought I was crazy, but I was taught and inspired beyond anything I could ever imagine. I am still thankful to President Bingham. I learned the importance of the temple. I really learned to love the temple."

"For sure, there is no greater blessing, no greater sanctifying power than to go to the temple," says President Herrington. "We are happy as can be to be serving in the temple."

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FamilySearch Launches the Freedmen Bureau Project, a Massive Nationwide Indexing Effort

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

On June 19, at a special press conference, FamilySearch International announced the digital release of 4 million Freedmen's Bureau historical records and launched the Freedmen Bureau Project, a nationwide volunteer indexing effort.

The press conference, held at the California African American Museum in Los Angeles, was simulcast to 31 other locations, including two in Arizona, one in Tucson, the other at the Chandler City Hall.

The day itself was historic, as it was the 150th anniversary of Juneteenth, or what is known as Emancipation Day, when nearly 4 million slaves were freed.

Elder D. Todd Christofferson, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Project, called it a "memorable day for African American family history research," as well, saying the Freedmen's Bureau Project could "help reunite black families once torn apart by slavery."

The Freedmen's Bureau was organized near the end of the Civil War to

assist newly freed slaves by opening schools and hospitals, rationing food and even conducting marriages. Beginning in 1865 until 1872, the organization recorded and kept handwritten notes, marriage and family information and records of military service as well as banking, school, hospital and property records.

"Many of the records are very personal; some are difficult accounts to read," said Elder Christofferson. At the same time, "You also see triumph, hope and resilience," revealed in these records.

Millions of these records have now been digitized and can be viewed at www.discoverfreedmen.org. However, Elder Christofferson explained, "The records have not been indexed," meaning the data have not been extracted and indexed so it can be easily searched online.

FamilySearch, working in collaboration with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture,



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On June 19, the Freedmen Bureau Project was launched at a special media conference in Los Angeles that was simulcast in Chandler, where John Goodie (l), local African American community leader was the master of ceremonies. Goodie is shown here with Roc Arnett, Director, Greater Phoenix Public Affairs Council for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), and the California African American Museum, has mounted a nationwide effort to get this indexing done.

"The indexing of these records will allow many African Americans to create a link to their Civil War-era ancestors for the first time," said Thom Reed of FamilySearch. This effort "will allow us to connect our families past and present."

Volunteers from the partner organizations or any other interested individuals can participate. "The goal," states a media release about the project, "is to have the records fully indexed in time

for the opening of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in late 2016."

Minimal training is necessary, and no specific time commitment is required. Volunteers simply log on to DiscoverFreedmen.org, follow the on-screen prompts that tell how to pull up the scanned documents and enter the names and dates into the fields provided. Free assistance also is available at any of the 1,864 FamilySearch centers in the world.

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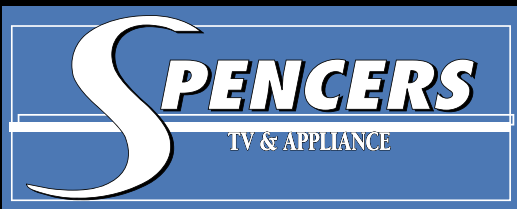
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Mesa Mom Releases Second Book, “Mothering through the Whirlwind”

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

Being a mother in today’s world is much like being in a tornado, picked up and dropped off where you never expect to be, says Tamara Passey of the Mesa Skyline Stake. Passey’s recently released book, *Mothering through the Whirlwind* is about the joys and sorrows that come with riding the whirlwind of motherhood. According back cover blurb, the book “will penetrate your heart and illuminate a new view of mothering.”

Tamara, a mother of three, says she wrote *Mothering through the Whirlwind* to help “anyone who is in the whirlwind and needs to know there is hope.”

The book is a collection of memoir-styled essays, describing Tamara’s own motherhood whirlwind, including having a newborn in need of a transplant, losing her brother to a violent death, and facing her own health challenges. Along the way, Tamara rediscovered

her value and meaning as a mother.

Tamara’s says her inspiration for the book came with the birth of her first child.

“I was a young mother in the hospital with my son. I would have appreciated being able to read about another mother’s experiences.” She began writing essays about her mothering.

Then, Tamara says, “In 2013, I was selected to be Arizona Young Mother of the year. I worked on putting them together in a short book for moms.”

“Some have asked what led me to write about such personal experiences,” she continues. “As mothers, even though we all have very different circumstances and experiences, we can learn so much from each other’s stories. When we share and listen, we can gain perspective and courage from how someone else weathered her storm or survived her whirlwind.”

Her hope is that her book will reach



Photo courtesy Tamara Passey

Tamara Passey recently released her second book, *Mothering through the Whirlwind*, in which she shares several of her own experiences as a mother.

moms in the trenches who could benefit from hearing another mom’s story “they can know that the whirlwind doesn’t have to drag them down, that they can find meaning and happiness in mothering.”

“Though sharing personal experiences can be emotional for an author, the harder part for me was deciding what to leave out,” Tamara says. “A lot of prayer went into what and how much to share. I wanted this book to be short,

something that could be read in one or two hours, because, you know, moms are busy.”

“Was there more I could have said about my son’s transplant or my brother’s death? Absolutely. But, I hope I captured some of the more meaningful moments and have given the reader something to think about after she closes the book,” Tamara adds.

Her first published book, *The Christmas Tree Keeper*, is a heartwarming story of a woman finding her way through life as a single parent. She faces the world head on, including dealing with a strained relationship with her mother.

Tamara says a sequel to *The Christmas Tree Keeper* is in the works, and possibly a sequel to *Mothering through the Whirlwind* as well. Her books can be found in print and ebook on Amazon.com.

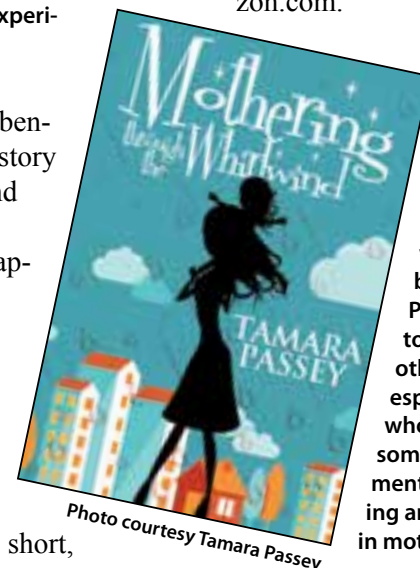


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Mothering through the Whirlwind, was written by Tamara Passey as a way to share with other mothers, especially those who may need some encouragement to find meaning and happiness in mothering.



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Gilbert Mission Hosts Extended Zone Conference to Teach Members to Expect Missionary Work Miracles

By Stacy Johnson
The Beehive

The chapel and cultural hall of the Queen Creek West Stake center were filled to capacity on the evening of April 21, for a zone conference of the Arizona Gilbert Mission.

Zone conferences are typically for the dozen or so full-time missionaries in that particular zone. However, in this case, in addition to the full-time missionaries, all of the youth and all ward missionaries in the Queen Creek area were invited to attend and to be taught how to be more effective as missionaries.

The focus and general theme of the meeting was based on the Apostolic Promise spoken by Neil L. Andersen in April 2013 General Conference, who said, "...as you pray to know with whom to speak, names and faces will come into your mind. Words to speak will be given in the very moment you need them. Opportunities will open to you. Faith will overcome doubt, and the Lord will bless you with your very own miracles."

Gilbert Mission President K. Brett Nattress impressed upon the group the idea that imperfect people can have perfect moments.

Rachel Begleman, of the Pecos Park Ward, Gilbert Williams Field Stake, shared her family's story, saying that they had been experiencing trials, both individually and collectively.

"The missionaries saw my husband sitting outside his counselor's office, smoking a cigarette. They took the time to talk to him. That was a miracle to me. They eventually came to our home and taught us the gospel ... missionary work is truly a miracle ... our family has done a 360 degree turnaround since joining the Church."

Sister Begleman adds, "We were living day to day when they found us. We started taking the lessons and learning about the Church. We felt the spirit. We went to the temple, and I could tell there was more."

"I met with President Nattress, and I said to him, 'I felt a light turn on that I never knew I had. Please let me get baptized because I never want that light to go out.'"

Shortly after that, the family was baptized and has since experienced the blessing of being sealed in the temple. Sister Begleman says their family has experienced great happiness and peace



Photo by Jeana Reed

At an extended zone conference, Rachel Begleman shared her family's conversion story, saying they encountered the Church when they had been experiencing trials, both individually and collectively. Shown (l to r) are Elder Cash Hancock, Terry, Rachel, Madison (top), Adam (son), Ryan (daughter) and Elder Jakobe Swenson.

from living the gospel.

After Sister Begleman's remarks, the meeting continued with the audience participating in an object lesson. President Nattress invited several missionaries to lift a piano using only two fingers. They were unable to budge it. Others were invited to help lift with their two fingers, still nothing. When the bishop, the ward council and various members pitched in, the lift was easy and successful. He added that, like moving a piano, missionary work takes a group effort to be truly successful.

Additionally, the entire congregation practiced role playing with the person sitting next to them. They prac-

ticed inviting member friends to share the gospel with nonmember friends, and they practiced how to start a gospel conversation with a nonmember.

After the full-time missionaries facilitated a question and answer session, attending stake presidents offered closing remarks and bore testimony of the principle of missionary work and the importance of each member doing his or her part.

President Nattress closed the meeting, again referring to Elder Andersen's Apostolic Promise, then asking participants to "expect miracles. Let's do all we can to help others know He lives," he said.



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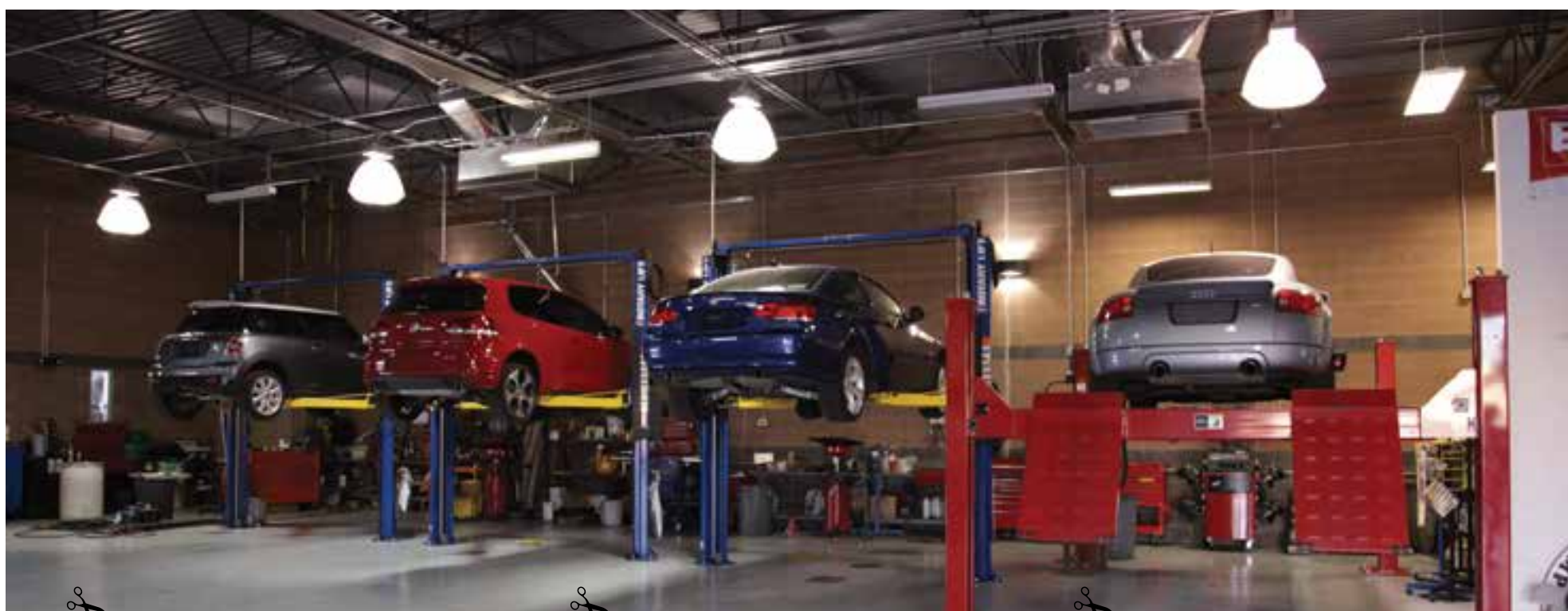
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NEIL L. ANDERSEN

Dedicates New Meetinghouse & ASU Polytechnic Institute

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles spoke to hundreds of Arizona young adults and others gathered Sunday, April 19, for the dedication of the meetinghouse and Institute building on the ASU Polytechnic Campus in Mesa.

ASU President Michael Crow also spoke at the dedication, saying ASU is built around the idea of inclusion of all students and with an interest in their success. With that, he said, “We cannot exclude religious liberty.” Instead, he said, ASU is committed to “comprehensive human development,” including spiritual, moral, technical, philosophical, personal and relational development.

Elder Andersen, too, spoke about education. He congratulated the students for their interest in education, calling it “a way of life” and something members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints must be engaged in.

However, Elder Andersen said, education is not just for obtaining a degree, “but for building the soul.” He said, “Those things that are not seen are eternal,” and added the Institute building would be a place “where the unseen is taught.”

Elder Andersen’s wife, Kathy, also speaking at the dedication, shared her memories of attending Institute in a small room without good lighting and “that didn’t small very good, but in that very modest, very humble setting, my testimony blossomed of the Savior Jesus Christ,” she said. “Your life and your mind can be illuminated by things you will learn and study here.”

Elder Andersen counseled those in attendance to make the new Institute building a place all students, whether or not they were of the LDS faith, could come and enjoy, to play basketball or to sit quietly in contemplation.

“We are long past the days when we have to be absorbed in our own lives,” said Elder Andersen. “This should not be a cloistered building that we hide from the campus.”

In addition to being open about sharing the building with others, Elder Andersen suggested students share their testimonies as well. He explained that a lot of millennials have no belief or faith in God.

“We have to see our role as much greater. We have to see our role as

inviting all to come unto Christ,” Elder Andersen says.

“We know God lives. We know God answers prayers,” he said. “He is no respecter of persons. He loves all His children.”

“Turn your attention to Him in faith,” Elder Andersen said. Next, invite others to do the same, he added.

“This is our role, and it is an increasing role.”

The new facility, located on the

northwest corner of Innovation Way North and South Sterling Avenue in Mesa, is constructed of two-tone brick masonry with a flat roof in order to blend in with the other buildings on the

campus.

It will be the meetinghouse for three congregations, the Indigo Bay YSA

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Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles spoke at the recent dedication of the meetinghouse and Institute building on the ASU Polytechnic Campus in Mesa.



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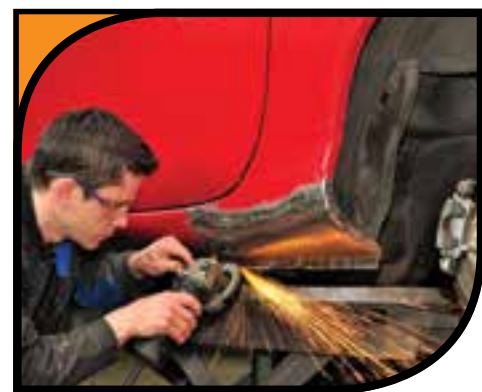
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East Valley Creators of “Nanci’s Frozen Yogurt” Receive Prestigious National Award

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

In recognition of 30 years of frozen yogurt success, including the significant contributions on the international level, the Gilbert-based company, Wudel Inc.—dba Wudel International and “Nanci’s Frozen Yogurt”—was recently granted the prestigious President’s “E” Award for Exports.

The national award was presented by U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Penny Pritzker at a ceremony in Washington, DC, on May 18. There to receive the award were co-owners John and Nanci Wudel, of Mesa 30th Ward, Mesa East Stake, and their son and general manager, Dave Wudel, of Brighton Ward, Gilbert Highland East Stake.

“Nanci’s Frozen Yogurt’ has been a family-owned and operated business in the East Valley for 30 years,” Nanci said.

The company produces standalone mixes that can be put directly into

soft-serve yogurt machines or used as a neutral base and flavored with one of 100+ flavors, making Nanci’s perfect for self-serve frozen yogurt stores.

The “Nanci’s Frozen Yogurt” brand has become known for optimal taste, texture and nutritional value. Their products are made with the highest-quality, gluten-free ingredients, including pure crystalline fructose—a natural sweetener found in fruit, berries and sweet corn—with encapsulated probiotic cultures added.

The company’s yogurt and smoothie mixes and flavorings are sold across the United States and in more than 40 countries across six continents, including in China, Vietnam, Denmark, Australia and South Africa.

“We don’t own retail stores, but sell wholesale to frozen yogurt shops and yogurt chains,” Nanci explained. “My husband, John, is a food chemist who formulates all of our products, which are sold under our trademarked name,



Photo courtesy Wudel Inc.

Gilbert-based Wudel International, makers of “Nanci’s Frozen Yogurt,” was presented the prestigious “E” award at a ceremony in Washington, DC, in May. The award was presented by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker (l) and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets, Arun Kumar (far r), to CEO and co-owner with his wife Nanci, John Wudel and general manager, Dave Wudel.

“Nanci’s Frozen Yogurt,’ or private labeled for certain yogurt chains that sell our product under their name.”

The business is committed to providing unparalleled customer service, assisting customers with everything from product choice to business strategy. Wudel International is also committed to continuing to grow their export business.

“We are honored to receive this award, and we see incredible potential to grow exports even more in international markets,” said John Wudel.

“Improved trade agreements and expanding into new markets is a huge boost for our export business, which flows back to the U.S. economy and our local economy.”

Congressman Matt Salmon (R-Ariz.) offered his congratulations, saying, “Exports are an essential part of the U.S. economy and Wudel International is a leader in the field, serving as a great example of success in exporting from Arizona. I’m

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Stake Members Become **Radio Savvy** as Part of their Emergency Response Plan

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Two members of the Queen Creek West Stake—Dennis Lawrence and Joe Sammartino—have recently been making waves—waves of the extremely positive sort, with important ripple effects.

Both are amateur radio operators, both members of the Queen Creek Amateur Radio Club and the Town of Queen Creek Volunteer Emergency Communications Group.

The last Saturday in June, with 45,000 other amateur radio operators from the United States and Canada, they participated in the most popular on-the-air-exercise, the annual Amateur Radio Field Day.

This summer, they also helped more than 100 members of the Queen Creek West Stake—including the stake presidency, President Gary Smith and his counselors Joel Beckstead and Jason Filley—get the training, equipment and licensing they needed to become amateur radio operators.

“We may be the only stake presidency in the Church to be radio licensed,” says Brother Filley.

Brother Lawrence, of the Remington Heights Ward, says he got his amateur radio license about three years ago, before the Queen Creek West Stake was created when he was a member of the Queen Creek North Stake.

“President Smith had worked with the town to help establish an emergency communications group as part of our stake emergency response plan,” Brother Lawrence says. He adds, “In every emergency, the first thing that goes is the cell phone; but ham radio is always going to be there,” Brother Lawrence says.



Photo courtesy Dennis Lawrence

As part of the stake's emergency response plan, Dennis Lawrence, who got his amateur radio license about three years ago, works with Joe Sammartino and others to help stake members learn about amateur radio, purchase radio equipment and become licensed as radio operators.

So, during an emergency, while the town's emergency response teams take care of transportation, medical and other needs, the radio-equipped, all-volunteer Emergency Communications Group is set up to take care of communications.

“We use these same skills to help with events, such as marathons and bike-a-thons, parades and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums—and other large, preplanned, non-emergency activities,” Brother Lawrence says.

Brother Filley says, as part of the stake's emergency preparation efforts, “We would like every family in our stake to be radio trained and licensed.”

The stake saw this summer's youth trek as a way to move closer to that.

“We decided to use the trek as an opportunity to get several members licensed in ham radio,” says Brother Filley.

“What they wanted to do was to have a level of communication for the

trek that people had never experienced before,” says Brother Lawrence. He and Brother Sammartino, of the Cortina 4th Ward, were called to put a plan in place.

“The Mas and Pas and other trek staff bought radios, attended training classes, and we got more than 100 stake members licensed in amateur radio,” says Brother Lawrence.

The radios were invaluable during the trek as they were able to communicate about medical needs and required logistics changes due to the weather.

Brother Lawrence and Sammartino have ongoing training meetings, and every Sunday night they conduct a training net, meaning, “Everyone gets on the radio and checks in,” says Brother Lawrence. They also conduct drills periodically to help radio operators maintain their skills.

Anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio can contact Dennis Lawrence at KF7RYX@gmail.com.

Neil L. Andersen Dedicates Building
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(Young Single Adult), Temple View YSA and Gateway Married Student wards. To accommodate the needs of these wards, the building includes a chapel, a large cultural hall, classrooms and offices.

The building will also function as the ASU Polytechnic Institute. One of the 2,500 LDS Institutes worldwide, the ASU Polytechnic Institute will serve the approximately 1,250 students from ASU Gateway Campus, Chandler Gilbert Community College and ASU Charter School.

The Institute offers religious instruction, with classes that are free of charge and open to the general public (age 18 and up). It also provides a place for single and married students to study and relax and opportunities to participate in community service, social events and leadership training.

Visit the Mesa Polytechnic LDS Institute of Religion on Facebook or, for more information: <http://institute.lds.org/> or <http://ldscs.org/mesapolytechnic>.

Nanci's Frozen Yogurt Wins Award
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proud of what they've accomplished in their business as well as the recognition they've received through this award.”

The “E” Award ceremony is one of the highlights of World Trade Month, a month-long celebration of the benefits U.S. exports bring to national, state, and local economies through job creation and growth. This year marks the 53rd annual “E” Awards presentation.

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This year's winners were 35 small- and medium-sized businesses and 21 manufacturers representing a cross-section of American business. Each of the “E” Award companies sell high-quality products and services around the world, while helping to create good jobs for American workers.

One business that serves Nanci's Frozen Yogurt locally is YC's Mongolian Grill, with five locations in Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert and Scottsdale. Other establishments in the Valley that use Nanci's Frozen Yogurt mix are YoWaffle in Gilbert, Makutu's Island in Chandler, Yummies Yogurt and Frogurt 101 in Phoenix and Casa de Yogurt in Buckeye. Nanci's yogurt brand also can be found at Frozen Frannie's in Prescott and Yogurt Swirl in Tucson.

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Young Playwright from Mesa Writes New Play, “The Hate Hypothesis— Love’s Amazing Power”

By Katherine Ogden
The Beehive

Most high school students would say they have a pretty busy schedule and don’t have much spare time. Mesa High student, Kyle Ellison, of the Southern Estates Ward, Kimball Stake, is no exception. When he isn’t in class, he’s playing the violin, running, singing in the all-state choir, attending Boy Scouts and finishing his Eagle project. Yet, somehow, in the midst of all that, he also managed to find time to write a play.

Kyle, 16, wrote, “The Hate Hypothesis – Love’s Amazing Power,” a play based on a story from George Ritchie’s book, *Return from Tomorrow*, of a man nicknamed “Wild Bill Cody,” who had been a prisoner in the Wuppertal German concentration camp.

Kyle’s play started as an assignment

in his advanced drama class, in which each student was required to write a one act play. “Most of the others wanted to do some kind of comedy, but I wanted to do something more dramatic, with a more serious moral message,” says Kyle. “I remembered that story, and it really spoke to me.”

“It was quite a process to watch,” says Sandy Stones, Kyle’s drama teacher. “Each day he would share the vision of his ideas, the students would improvise the scene, then he would take it home and work it out. The next day, the kids would act it out and it would just continue to evolve like that.”

In February, the class took the play to the Educational Theater Association of Arizona student thespians festival, where they had the challenge of bringing in costumes and makeup and,



Photo by Marlene Ellingson

Surrounded by members of his high school drama club, Kyle Ellingson (front) takes center stage after the performance of the play Kyle wrote, called “The Hate Hypothesis: Love’s Amazing Power.”

working with an unfamiliar stage and equipment, setting up the scenery, the lighting, the music and sound system, putting on the play, then taking it all down and having it all past the designated line on the stage floor—all within 60 minutes.

The play was subsequently performed on April 15 at Mesa High by 16 Spotlight Drama students. The timing served to emphasize the message of the play, as the production coincided with the 70th Anniversary of the Holocaust.

“We all had to think about what it was like. It was quite emotional for the whole group, but maybe even more so

for me,” says Kyle. “Writing and putting on this play has been life-changing for me.”

Play attendee, Rauna Mortensen, commented, “I loved how they put on the play during the anniversary of the Holocaust Remembrance Week. We all left there being changed for the better. It helped me reflect on the great power of the human mind and on one individual, to teach us all a great lesson of holding onto charity despite being surrounded by horrific, gruesome acts. The entire play was like an object lesson for the Relief Society’s motto; that, truly, ‘Charity never faileth.’”



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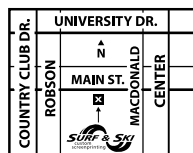


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Mesa Native Earns Top Television Academy Foundation **MUSIC AWARD**

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

How does a Mesa native and a fairly newlywed Latter-day Saint dad of two young children break in to the world of music for Hollywood television shows and films?

It takes some doing—along with a huge measure of talent, and a high-profile award doesn't hurt either.

Nate Fenwick Smith, son of Denise and Kevin Fenwick Smith, graduated from Skyline High School, completed a bachelors' degree from Arizona State University, then transferred to University of North Carolina School of the Arts, where he earned a masters' of fine arts in Film Music Composition in May 2014.

Now, Nate, his wife, Sarah, and their two children, ages three and three months old, live in San Tan Valley where they are members of the Desert Hills Ward, San Tan Valley Stake.

Nate has composed scores for several indie films, commercials, trailers and video games, as well as music for a number of TV shows, including the current season of ABC's *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*.

In 2014, he was a finalist in the USA Songwriting Competition, the leading international songwriting

event. This year, he received two Emmy nominations for scores in two short films he worked on during grad school. One of those, "The Collection," was the top pick, winning the 2015 Television Academy Foundation award for Best Music Composition.

It was after a short stint in Los Angeles, where he learned a few tricks of the trade, that Nate moved his family back to Arizona where he works as a freelance composer.

"We realized LA isn't where we would like to be fulltime," Nate said. "We moved back, and I'm still working in the industry remotely as a ghostwriter."

"Every project has one main composer, and behind every composer are several others who write for them," he explains. He admits it's a competitive industry and, to survive, the process is to "get my name on as many things as possible, to keep getting music on TV shows as a ghostwriter and to keep circulating and generating income from backend royalties."

That all works great, for now. But, Nate has his sights on something more.

"Our goal is to not have to move back to LA. If we can keep making it

work, we like being here around family." In addition, he says, "While you can make a pretty substantial living as a ghostwriter, I would like to set my sights above that, to work up the ladder and to do something bigger."

Interestingly, however, though he's performed with several rock bands, his idea of "bigger" doesn't include the spotlight. "As a songwriter and performer, the music is all about you. As a composer, you support what is happening on the screen. What you create should not be noticed or heard, but felt."

Nate and Sarah have operated on faith and trust to this point. "No decision was made that wasn't made on our knees," Nate says.

Still, he knows more decisions lie ahead. "I want my music to only be part of films I would be comfortable showing my son," Nate says. "It's tricky sometimes. I don't want to burn bridges, but I have earned some respect

from saying, 'This is not a film I necessarily want to be a part of.'"

"I have faith the Lord will bless me as I discern which projects to take on," he adds.

Learn more about Nate Fenwick Smith and his music at www.fenwick-musicproductions.com.



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Nominated for two Emmys by the Television Academy Foundation, Mesa native Nate Fenwick won the 2015 Best Music Award for his score for "The Collection."

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Mesa Woman Publishes First Book,

THE HEALING QUESTIONS GUIDE

By Katherine Ogden
The Beehive

Mesa resident, Wendi Wilcock Jensen, is the wife, of 25 years, to husband, Richard, a mother of five children, a grandmother of two, a life coach, a trainer, a mentor and a speaker, and, along with good friends, Penny Hansen and Camille Smith, is one of the three founding members of the Whole-istic Living Conference held in Mesa each year.

Recently Wendi added one more to her long list of accomplishments: She is now a published author.

Sister Jensen, of the Noble Ward in the Skyline Stake, is the author of *The Healing Questions Guide: Relevant Questions to ask the Mind to Activate Healing in the Body*.

The project was the culmination of approximately two and a half year's worth of hard work, of putting it all together and getting it published, she says.

"It started a long time ago, when I first started to notice the physical connections to the same spiritual and emotional issues. It was LDS author, Karol K. Truman's book, *Feelings Bur-*



Photo by Shawnah Wilcock

Wendi Jensen, author of *The Healing Questions Guide*, says it took more than two and a half years to write the recently released book.

ied Alive Never Die, that first sparked an interest in me, and I began writing questions in the margins of the book, as they came up. Later, the thought occurred to me that maybe all these questions might be helpful to other people, too," says Sister Jensen.

She says *The Healing Questions Guide* can be a helpful resource.

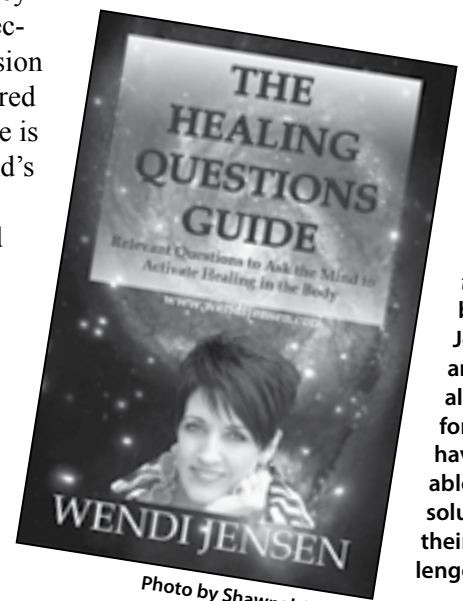
"It is just a tool, an alternative, to help those who are not getting all their answers through traditional means," Wendi says.

To complete it, Sister Jensen wrote in her spare time and while her children were at school. Initially, she asked four close friends for help and advice, knowing that it was going to be such a big project that it would be difficult to tackle alone. After a time, they were all pulled in different directions, but, with the help and vision of her husband, Wendi persevered until the book was finished. She is certain that without her husband's support and encouragement, her book would still be trapped somewhere on her personal computer.

"We live in a great time where so many natural alternatives are available to help us with healing and repairing our lives. My hope is that my book will inspire others to strengthen their ability to ask relevant questions and

learn how to strengthen their own spiritual mechanisms that help us," says Sister Jensen. "My whole purpose behind writing this is to help people connect to the Holy Spirit more so the Spirit can be involved in their healing."

The book is printed in paperback and also comes in Kindle form. For more information about her book, visit www.wendijensen.com.



The Healing Questions Guide, by Wendi Jensen, offers answers and alternatives for many who haven't been able to find solutions for their health challenges.

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IN THE MOMMY ZONE...

By Kristie Young Fairbanks

Missionary Mom, Revisited

Three weeks from today, our second eldest son will board an international flight bound for Central America. There, he will serve the next two years of his life as an LDS missionary.

I'm conflicted in my feelings about this whole scenario, bittersweet in my tender memories.

I remember putting our oldest son on a plane almost three years ago for the same humbling experience. His mission destination was far different, but my torn emotions today still mirror those I felt in yesteryears.

I was thrilled for his decision to serve selflessly as a missionary, to

bring light and knowledge to others, but at the same time, I felt melancholy for the inevitable empty space that would fill our home in his 24-month absence. Now, I'm resigned to the fact that I will experience these selfsame ambivalent emotions a second time, with a second son, somehow divided in my loyalties.

Notwithstanding, I've been blessed with some precious extra moments with my future missionary. He finished his Freshman year of college about a month ago and our family has reveled in his presence back in our home ever since.

Additionally, I have been able to

accompany him to the numerous requisite pre-mission doctor and dental visits, wisdom teeth extractions, government passport hoopla, immunization boosters, and subsequent photography sessions. It's been my pleasure to help him choose essential missionary clothing, shoes, and gear and quite refreshing to spy him literally counting down the days until his official service date, a mere 21 days from now.

I look at my check list of things to do before he leaves and it seems overwhelming, but then I remember I've done this mission preparation before with an older son, except this time around, the time seems to be slipping away too fast, the tick-tock of the clock seems wildly deafening.

As his reporting date creeps closer and closer, the realization that he's leaving for two long years weighs heavy. The humbling fact remains that he will be out of my home, out of my state, out of my country, and out of my periphery for the next 24 months.

I watch him pack up all his Earthly belongings in just a few boxes that will take up residence in our outdoor barn for a while. He smiles as he reminisces days gone by and with wide eyes shining, exudes such a warm confidence about his upcoming escapade that it's

hard not to catch hold of his genuine enthusiasm.

I know he will treasure his mission adventures and that I must recalibrate myself to playing the role of Missionary Mom once more, a background persona that takes the so-called "mothering" completely out of my hands. I'm not sure I'm ready for this new character shift. Those inevitable monikered "mommy growing pains" that force me to stretch and somehow flourish are approaching nonetheless.

I have to trust in the fact that while serving, he'll be taken care of, get enough to eat, and that he will be protected and strengthened. I have to depend upon the kindness and goodness of others, knowing deep in my heart that missionaries worldwide are blessed beyond measure.

I find comfort in the fact that myriads of past and present Missionary Moms have experienced this same scenario for many generations. I must join with them once again and be among those willing to place my missionary into the worthy hands of faith and trust.

It's an incredible journey and one well worth the effort, a venture I am privileged to be a part of a second time, growing pains and all.

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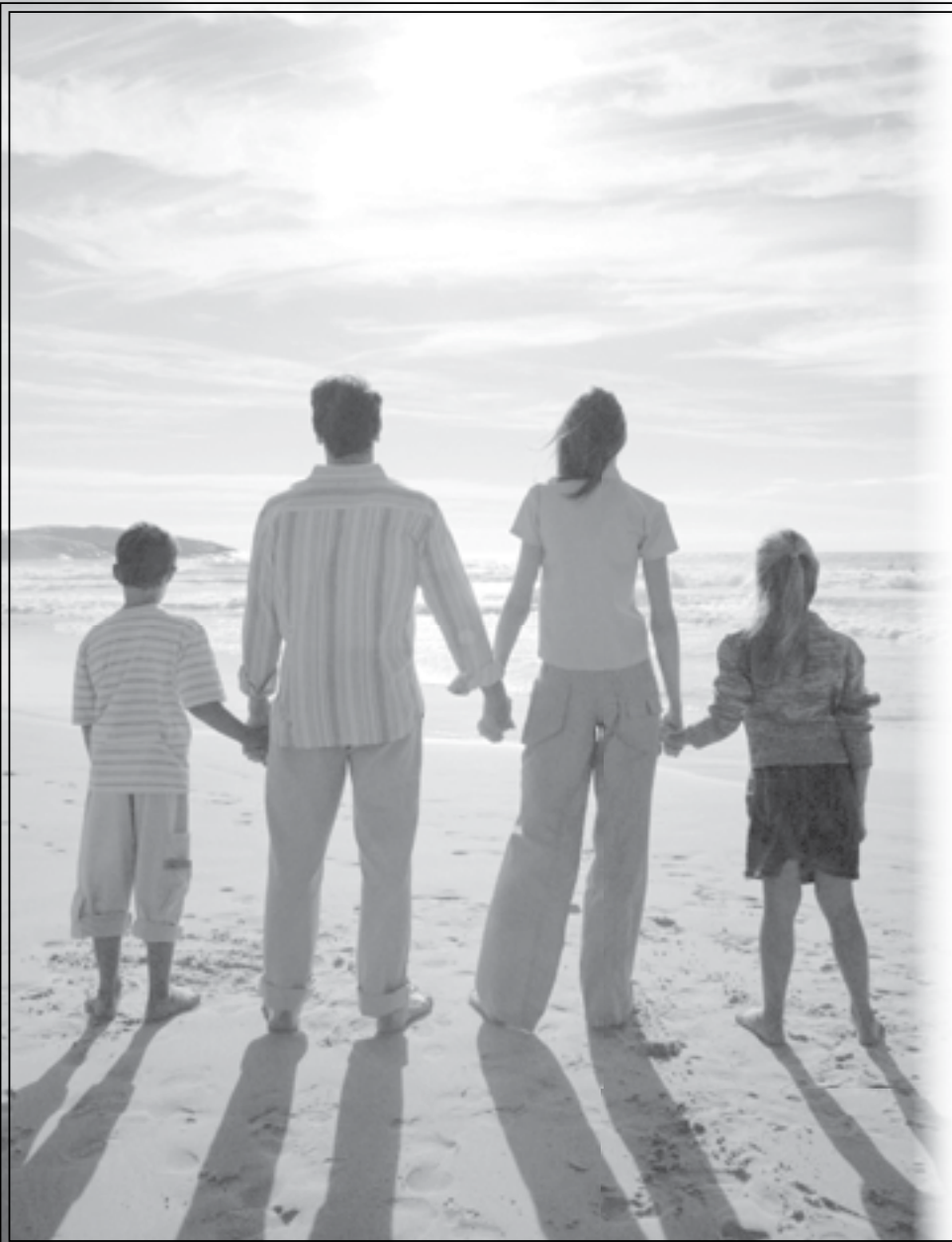
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By Robin Finlinson
The Beehive

Water. Everyone needs it every day. Joel Johnson is extremely aware of that as a licensed general contractor. He's been building luxury homes in Paradise Valley and north Scottsdale for the past 20 years, the last 10 with his own company, J Andrew Development.

"About three years ago, I had the idea to develop self-sustaining communities that took a common sense approach to being prepared for emergencies," he says. "We wanted to come up with systems that are zero maintenance and zero hassle. Power generators and freeze-dried food were already on the market. The last component needed was the water."

Though Johnson's homes have been featured in Luxe Magazine and Phoenix Home and Garden, he wanted to provide something that would work for every size of home and family.

Johnson made use of his extensive

knowledge and came up with a design. "Then," he says, "I took that design to a plumbing engineer who signed and sealed it." It's now Johnson's patented WaterGuard™ system.

He also started an emergency preparedness company, Spero Systems, in 2014. Spero Systems offers power generators, freeze-dried food, and, of course, WaterGuard™.

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Luxury home builder, Joel Johnson, came up with a design for water storage tanks that are incorporated into a home's water system, and started an emergency preparedness company, Spero Systems, to make those available to the public.

Another texted, "Wife in shower when water turned off by water company for repairs. WaterGuard™ restored it - wife finishes shower - everyone is happy!"

Johnson is currently working with two local tract home builders that will offer WaterGuard™ as a standard upgrade. "We plan to be a national brand," he says.

Homes are set up to use water in the kitchen, laundry room and bathrooms. Having the water turned off even briefly is inconvenient. It's easy to imagine if it's off for much longer. "It could be a natural disaster, pandemic, infrastructure failure or a terrorist attack," says Johnson, and every day in North America, there are 850 water main breaks. Being prepared helps people stay positive, Johnson says.

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matically rotated. And, the tank can be hooked up to a filtering system to give the water great taste.

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Thirty-seven Gilbert YM & leaders complete 53-mile "TOUR DE TEMPLES"



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Gilbert 6th Ward Young Men and their leaders bike 53 miles on their Tour de Temple ride from the Phoenix Temple to the Mesa Temple and then to the Gilbert Temple

By Stacy Johnson
The Beehive

Early on the morning of April 18, Young Men in the teachers and priests quorums and their leaders from the Gilbert 6th Ward, Gilbert Highland West Stake, gathered

their bicycles, helmets, water bottles and backpacks of supplies to set out on an adventure that had been weeks in

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By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

One of the most popular breakfast and lunch spots in San Diego's Pacific Beach neighborhood can now be found in Arizona.

Since 1979, from the prestigious, San Diego beach location, the Broken Yolk Café has built a strong reputation with loyal locals and has become a sought-for dining spot with vacationers as well.

Broken Yolk Café's popularity is a result of offering ample portions, great service and high-quality homemade breakfast and lunch food. For years, wait lines ran out the door on weekends causing passersby to stop in and give the restaurant a try.

"Once they tried us, they were generally hooked. We're known for deli-

cious, high-quality food and large portions," says John Gelastopoulos, who owns the brand with his wife, Chris.

The famous Broken Yolk Café was a 2009 feature on The Travel Channel's "Man vs Food," which introduced the brand to millions of viewers outside of Southern California. The restaurant continued to maintain its reputation, attracting an ever-increasing following of satisfied diners.

In early 2015, the first Broken Yolk Café location in Arizona opened in Mesa. Local owners, Jim and Jennifer O'Neal are excited to bring this San Diego breakfast and lunch favorite to the Mesa community.

"Our primary focus will always be on serving high-quality, homemade

food and giving each guest a great experience," the O'Neals say.

Broken Yolk Café showcases traditional staples as well as one-of-a-kind signature dishes. Breakfast favorites include the Golden State Benedict, over 13 different omelets, including made-to-order varieties, Nutella Crepes, pancakes, waffles and French toast as well as endless mimosas. Breakfast items are available all day, or delicious lunch entrees are also available.

For lunch, Broken Yolk Café specializes in entrees like the Southwestern Chicken Wrap, homemade soups and salads.

The Broken Yolk Café satisfies even the heartiest of diners and offers a menu for hungry kids as well, and does

so in a clean, comfortable and casual atmosphere.

Visit the Broken Yolk Café website at www.thebrokenyolkcafe.com to sign up for the club and get the latest Broken Yolk Café news, exclusive coupons and even birthday specials.

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Arizona's recently opened Broken Yolk Café is located at 2034 E. Southern Avenue (on the northeast corner of Southern and Gilbert Road, near Target) in Mesa.

To learn more, to see the Broken Yolk Café menu or to order online, log on to www.thebrokenyolkcafe.com



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The Broken Yolk Café, popular in San Diego with locals and tourists alike, has now brought its well-known brand to Arizona, opening a location in Mesa where it offers its well-known brand of delicious homemade-style breakfast dishes and lunch fare.



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Merchant Square

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By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Simply step into Merchant Square, “The Greatest Vintage Shopping Experience in Arizona,” and be whisked away to a simpler time—a time before high-tech gadgets and faux wood.

Among classic antiques and mid-century furniture, there are aisles of cherished memories, nostalgic collectibles and vintage treasures, as well as repurposed furniture. Repurposing is the practice of taking something that has served its purpose and, instead of discarding it, giving the item a new use.

Repurposing is an art. It takes creativity and foresight—and maybe a little paint. An old door, faded with time and worn from use, can be saved and repurposed into a coffee table. Worn, chipped windows can be transformed into picture frames, for enjoying all-new vistas.

Merchant Square itself was repurposed 13 years ago. The building at 1509 North Arizona Avenue in Chan-

dlar, was once a Payless Cashways. Mike Moore, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin Johnson (the pioneer who brought citrus trees to the valley) and some partners, purchased the building in August 2001, intending to lease it for an indoor skate park. After 9-11, as the economy plunged into recession, Mike found himself with a hefty mortgage and no tenant to occupy the building. Necessity is the mother of invention—and of repurposing, it seems.

Mike put his creativity and intuition to work and opened Merchant Square with 58,000 square feet of antiques and vintage items from 200+ merchants. Thirteen years later, Merchant Square continues to be the destination for antiques, nostalgia and all things retro.

Now, Mike is doing it again. Last year, he purchased some items from Arizona’s first Safeway grocery store and has integrated them into an in-store restaurant. The American Way Market Café hosts a full bakery and complete



Photo courtesy Jace Sanders

Merchant Square, on Arizona Avenue in north Chandler, boasts “The Greatest Vintage Shopping Experience in Arizona,” with aisle after aisle of collectibles, vintage treasures, repurposed furniture and antiques.

breakfast and lunch menu and sells local produce, meats and dairy products.

A 7-Up sign on the wall was repurposed over 50 years ago for the original American Way Market at 10th Street and Pierce. Now it has been re-repurposed for its new home.

Also featured is a 1949 Coke sign from an Idaho soda shop, handmade brick walls from an egg hatchery in Tempe and a 1950’s soda chest from Salt Lake City. The booths are from a ‘50’s country dance hall in Buckeye, counters from a church in England.

The 60-year-old dining chairs are

from a schoolhouse in California, barn doors from reclaimed scaffolding and windows salvaged from a 1950’s home in Phoenix. Hundred-year-old Pacific Northwest wood covers the walls.

Mike even dug up an old friend, Jeff Flemming, to run the place.

Diners can now enjoy vintage soda, fresh baked bread and meats cooked in a smoker from the original Bill Johnson’s Big Apple, all while watching reruns of Andy Griffith on a 1951 Motorola black and white television.

For more about Merchant Square, www.merchantsquareantiques.com.

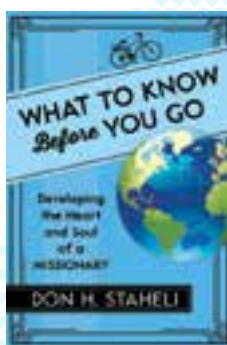
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the making.

The bikes were delivered to the Phoenix Temple parking lot at 7 a.m., where they began their journey. They passed by several landmarks, including the Grand Canal, Papago Park, Tempe Town Lake and Mill Avenue Bridge, before taking their ride through the Heritage District in Mesa and arriving at the Mesa Temple. There, the group enjoyed a brief rest and short devotional before continuing on the last

leg, ultimately ending at the Gilbert Temple—having completed a 53-mile bike ride.

Support vehicles followed the riders and provided much-needed service, including fixing flat tires, supplying snacks and water, documenting the event with photos and cheering on the riders. Other than a few cuts and bruises, sore muscles and sunburns, the group fared well.

"Before our training rides, most of

the Young Men hadn't ridden a bike longer than a mile or two, so it was a great achievement for them to complete the 50+ mile ride," says Bishop Brent Friday.

Toward the ride's end, the group passed by their ward building where several Young Women and their leaders, members of the deacons quorum and some Primary children joined in for the last six miles to Discovery Park, across the street from the Gilbert Temple.

"We wanted as many as possible to enjoy coming to the temple," Bishop Friday explains.

Cade Camac, a teacher, says the hardest part of the ride was "the last few miles. I just pushed through and kept thinking about how much I wanted to make it to the temple."

McKay Menden, a priest, says, "We quite literally were fighting ... to get to the temple, turning inward and upward for strength."

When the riders arrived at Discovery Park, they were greeted by family and ward members as they crossed

the finish line. Together, they concluded the day's event with a ward BBQ and celebration.

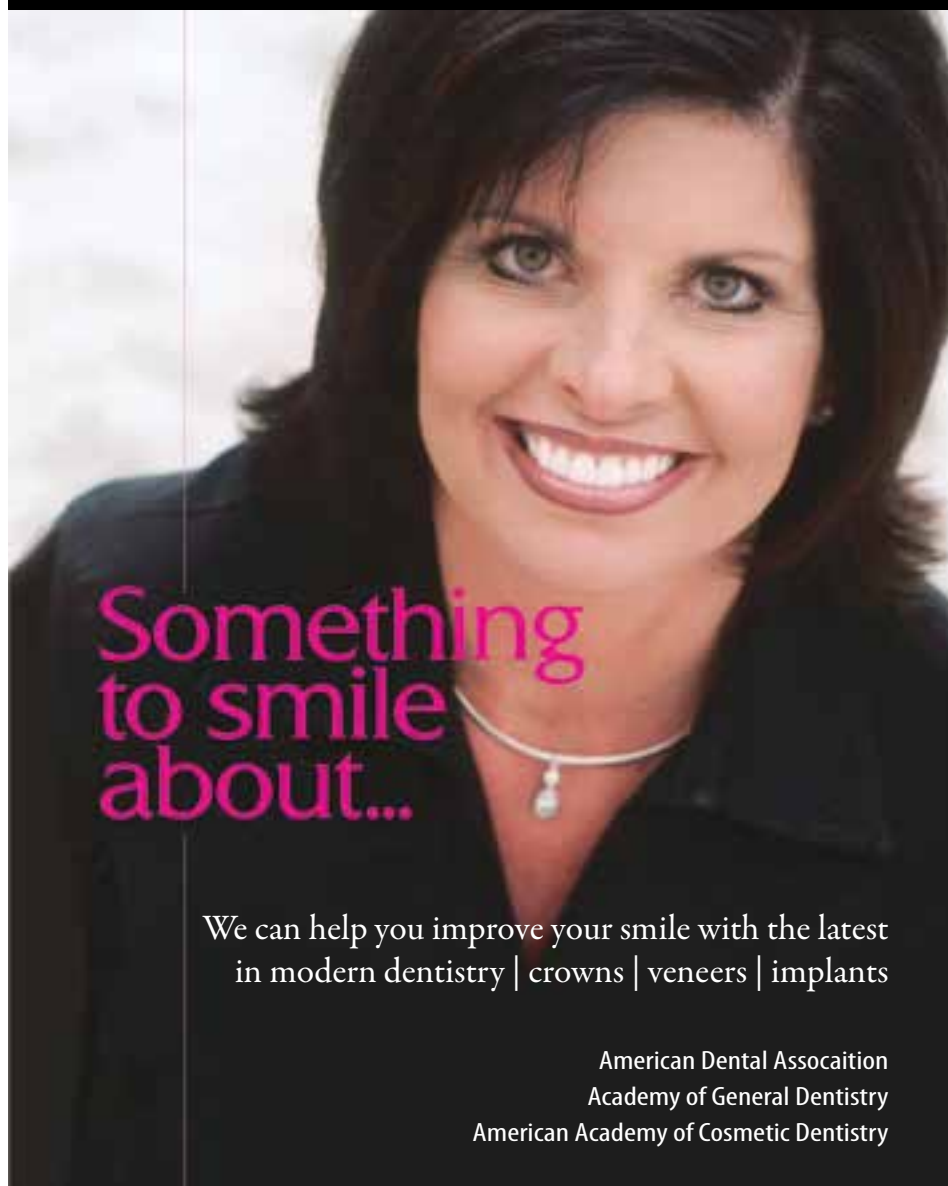
Blake Patterson, a priest, says, going into it, "I was excited for the ride because I always love to see the temple." He adds that successfully completing it taught him that he can do hard things when he sets his mind to it.

The theme for the event "And They Were Men" came from Alma 53:20, "And they were all young men, and they were exceedingly valiant for courage, and also for strength and activity; but behold, this is not all, they were men who were true at all times in whatsoever thing they were entrusted."

Young Men's president, Todd Brady, concludes, "When we began training the boys struggled. They would fall behind and ask to ride in the support vehicles. As they trained, they grew both physically and mentally. They all completed what was asked of them. It was wonderful to see these boys grow so much."

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During a pioneer trek reenactment this summer, Young Men and Young Women of the Queen Creek West Stake learned more about the trials experienced by the early pioneers. As they heard stories of the early Saints and participated in activities, such as the “Women’s Pull” (pictured) when the girls pulled the handcarts alone, they found their own testimonies were strengthened, and they discovered, with the help of the Lord, that they, too could do hard things.

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